

WELCOME!

We are very glad you are here this morning!

We pray that in our time together, you will sense God's Holy Spirit
in the silence, the spoken word, or the music,

and understand this truth ... **JESUS LOVES YOU AND IS CRAZY ABOUT YOU!!!**

"WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?"

TO DO JUSTICE, LOVE MERCY AND WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD."

- Micah 6:8

"YOU MUST LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD

WITH ALL YOUR HEART, ALL YOUR SOUL, ALL YOUR MIND, AND ALL YOUR STRENGTH.'

... AND ... 'LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'

NO OTHER COMMANDMENT IS GREATER THAN THESE."

- Mark 12:30-31

THE MISSION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ

for the transformation of the world.

Local churches and extension ministries of the Church

provide the most significant arenas through which disciple-making occurs.

(¶ 120 Book Of Discipline)

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of the Luzerne West Cluster of the Scranton Wilkes-Barre (SWB) District

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Bishops: Cynthia Moore-Koikoi and Sandra Steiner Ball

Conference Superintendent of the SWB Supervisory Area: Rev. Judy Walker

Pastor: Dave Walker

* Please stand in stature or in heart as you are able.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Above All Names

Handbell Choir ... arr. by Bill Ingram

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The tomb is dark, but empty

The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness

The stone has been rolled away

The one you are looking for has overcome death

The burial clothes are put aside

The one you are looking for is alive!

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

Let us worship our Risen Savior!

OPENING PRAYER:

O God of Easter joy,

we come this morning with glad shouts of acclamation.

Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed.

May this time of worship

help us to truly and fully experience this Risen Christ.

**May we be transformed into your butterfly people,
winging through the earth with messages of beauty, hope and life.**

Amen.

* *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

302 (verses 1, 2, 3, 4)

* *Christ Is Risen*

307 (verses 1, 3)

MOMENTS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and Patient God,
we come before you with so many things which weigh us down.
We would like an "easy" faith, one that doesn't cause us to look within ourselves,
to identify those many ways in which we have forsaken you.
But faith is never easy. It requires our very souls.
Forgive us, God, for all those things which we have neglected to do
that would have helped someone else to be closer to you.
Heal our hearts from the wounds which have been inflicted upon us
by the anger and misunderstandings which occur in relationships.
Prepare our lives to be of service to you.
In silence, we wait. We long for your presence and your healing touch.
Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

2026 (twice)

* *Christ Is Alive*

318 (verses 1, 2, 5)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

* *Glory Be to the Father*

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TIME OF PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER / THREE-FOLD AMEN

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

GOD'S WORD FOR US:

Mark 16:1-8

(The Reader says: "The Word of God for ALL people" ... the People respond: "Thanks BE to God")

SPECIAL MUSIC

Choir

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"WHERE WILL YOU SEE JESUS?"

PRAYER FOR A NEW HEART

Dag Hammerskjöld

**Thou who art over us,
Thou who art one of us,
Thou who art:
Give me a pure heart, that I may see thee;
a humble heart, that I may hear thee;
a heart of love, that I may serve thee;
a heart of faith, that I may abide in thee.
Amen.**

* OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD ...

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow ... # 94

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**God of the victory of life over death;
on this glorious Easter Sunday, we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Just as the women encountered the empty tomb and the angelic message of new life,
we too encounter the living Christ in our hearts and lives.
As we come to present our tithes and offerings,
may they be an affirmation of our search for the risen Christ,
the one who challenges us to see beyond our own expectations.**

**Bless our giving and help us discover the transformative power
of the living Jesus in our lives.**

In the holy name of our risen Savior, we pray.

Amen.

* *He Lives*

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* BENEDICTION

* *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

302 (verses 5, 6)

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THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday ... Romans 6:1-11

Tuesday ... Ephesians 2:1-10

Wednesday ... Galatians 2:11-21

Thursday ... John 17:1-5

Friday ... Romans 6:15-23

Saturday ... Romans 8:18-30

Sunday ... Acts 4:32-35 ... 1 John 1:1-2:2 ...

... Psalm 133:1-3 ... John 20:19-31